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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

RICHARDSON ET AL.

Examiner

MATTHEW V NGUYEN

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

1. The disclosure should be carefully reviewed and ensure that any and all grammatical, idiomatic, and spelling or other minor errors are corrected.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kino et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,525,774).

With regard to claims 1, 3, 5 and 8-10, Kino et al. (i.e., Fig. 3) shows a transformer being operable at high voltage with an ac voltage source (12), comprising a primary winding (50a), a rectifier arrangement (8, 10) for rectifying voltage induced in a secondary winding that includes two coils (50c, 50d), each coil having a rectifier diode (8) as an integrated part of the coil, which comprises a plurality of diodes arranged in parallel to one another.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kino et al. in view of Hiltunen et al. (U.S. pat. No. 6,490,180).

With regard to claims 2 and 4, Kino et al. shows a transformer arrangement comprising all the claimed subject matter as discussed above, except for each of the coils of the secondary being a single turn winding and connected to a printed circuit board.

Hiltunen et al. discloses a transformer arrangement (i.e., Figs. 2a, 4, 5) in which each of the secondary windings (cw2a, cw2b) is a single turn and comprises conductive strips connected to a printed circuit board (90) (col. 4, lines 13-24).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the secondary winding being a single turn connected to the printed circuit board as shown in Hiltunen et al. into the transformer arrangement of Kino et al. for the purpose of having "a relatively low production costs" via "a small number of turns can be arranged ... in the production process" (col. 2, lines 14-18).

4. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kino et al. in view of Teich et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,507,531).

With regard to claims 6 and 7, Kino et al. shows a transformer arrangement comprising all the claimed subject matter as discussed above, except for the transformer arrangement being used in supplying power to a pulsed magnetron heater.

Teich et al. discloses a power supply system (i.e., Fig. 2) in which a pulsed magnetron heater (12) (col. 9, line 42) being supplied power through a high voltage transformer (46).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the power supply system with the pulse magnetron heater at the load as shown in Teich et al. and the transformer arrangement of Kino et al. for the purpose of giving the apparatus of Kino et al. an ability to supply power for the magnetron heater.

5. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kino et al. in view of Koroncai et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,506,320).

With regard to claim 11, Kino et al. shows a transformer arrangement comprising all the claimed subject matter as discussed above, except for the rectifier diode arrangement being arranged to cool the diodes.

Koroncai et al. discloses a power rectifier arrangement (i.e., Figs. 1-3) in which 4 diodes (1-4) are screwed into two heat sinks 11 (also col. 2, lines 45-56).

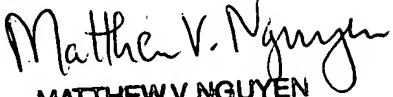
It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the arrangement of the rectifier diodes connected to the heat sinks as shown in Koroncai et al. into the transformer arrangement of Kino et al. for the purpose of preventing overheating of the power rectifiers (col. 1, lines 35-37).

6.. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Balakrishman (U.S. Pat. No. 5,285,369), Schlecht (U.S. Pat. No. 6,222,742) and Ikeda et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,181,576) also disclose power supply circuits each of which comprises a transformer including secondary windings each connected to a diode arrangement.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew V. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2081.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2800.


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